

Proclamation 3857**CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK, 1968****By the President of the United States of America**July 10, 1968**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS the joint resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212) authorizes and requests the President of the United States of America to issue a proclamation each year designating the third week in July as "Captive Nations Week" until such time as freedom and independence shall have been achieved for all the captive nations of the world; and

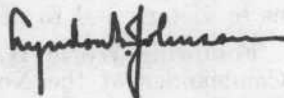
WHEREAS human freedom, national independence, and justice are fundamental rights of all peoples; and

WHEREAS the enjoyment of these rights, to which all peoples justly aspire, remains severely limited or denied in many areas of the world; and

WHEREAS the United States of America, in keeping with the principles on which it was founded, has sought consistently to promote the observance of fundamental human rights throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 14, 1968 as Captive Nations Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-third.

**Proclamation 3858****FAMILY REUNION DAY****By the President of the United States of America**July 18, 1968**A Proclamation**

Since the founding of the Republic, the American family has been a source of individual strength and national stability.

These are times, however, that test the unity of family life. Progress—social, economic, and technological—has brought with it new mobility that tends to separate the members of affluent families.

For millions of other Americans, poverty, discrimination and the spiritual deprivation of slum life have strained the cohesion of family units past the breaking point. Many young people are growing up without the shaping example of a firm, responsible, and caring male in the household. There are strengths within almost all families, whether or not headed by a father; but history and instinct tell us that a society that does not encourage responsible fatherhood will pay for its failure in later generations. For that reason, action to extend job opportunities, to improve education and housing, and to end discrimination in all its forms is vital to stronger family life—and ultimately to a more just and peaceful nation.